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- 3 1. An apparatus for practising golf shots,
- 4 comprising:
- 5 a body portion;
- a first adjustment means which is adapted to
- 7 vary the height of the body portion at a first
- 8 point;
- 9 a second adjustment means which is adapted to
- 10 vary the height of the body portion at a second
- 11 point.

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- 13 2. Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
- 14 body portion is adapted to form a slope between the
- 15 first and second points, said slope having a curved
- 16 profile.

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- 18 3. Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2,
- 19 wherein the body portion comprises a putting portion
- 20 over which a ball is adapted to travel and
- 21 preferably a stance-board to support the user.

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- 23 4. Apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein the
- 24 stance-board is placeable at any side of the putting
- 25 portion.

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- 27 5. Apparatus as claimed in claim 3 or claim 4,
- 28 wherein the stance board and the putting portion
- 29 both have adjustment means.

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- 31 6. Apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the
- 32 stance board has at least four adjustment means with

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1 at least four of the adjustment means being provided

2 at different points.

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4 7. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 3 to

5 6, wherein the putting portion comprises a support

6 portion and a contacting portion, and in use, the

7 contacting portion is provided over the support

8 portion and contacts a golf ball.

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10 8. Apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the

11 support portion comprises a plurality of support

12 portion panels, each support portion panel

13 supporting a part of the contacting portion and

14 being connectable to at least one adjacent support

15 portion panel by engagement means.

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17 9. Apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the

18 engagement means are inter-engaging castellations

19 provided on edges of the panels

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21 10. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 3 to

22 9, wherein the putting portion has at least four

23 pairs of adjustment means and as such at least eight

24 different points that are variable in height.

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26 11. Apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein the

27 putting portion is made from a material flexible

28 enough to be able to form a slope between the points

29 of the adjustment means when the vertical heights at

30 the points are different, but rigid enough such that

31 it does not sag between the points when the vertical

32 height at the points are equal.

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- 1 12. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 3 to
- 2 11, wherein at least two apertures are provided in
- 3 the putting portion, the apertures being sized to
- 4 receive golf balls.

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- 6 13. Apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein a
- 7 holder is provided under said apertures, the holder
- 8 being adapted to hold golf balls therein.

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- 10 14. Apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the
- 11 holder is formed integrally with the putting
- 12 portion.

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- 14 15. Apparatus as claimed in either claim 13 or 14,
- 15 wherein in use, the distance between the stance-
- 16 board and the apertures is variable.

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- 18 16. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 7 to
- 19 15, wherein the contacting portion is adapted to be
- 20 rolled up for storage.

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- 22 17. Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 7 to
- 23 16, wherein the support portion includes a storage
- 24 area that is shaped to receive the stance board for
- 25 storage when the apparatus is not in use.

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- 27 18. Apparatus as claimed in any preceding claim,
- 28 wherein each of the first and second adjustment
- 29 means comprises spacers which are adapted to be
- 30 joined or stacked together to space the body portion
- 31 away from a resting surface.

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- 1 19. Apparatus as claimed in claim 18, wherein the
- 2 spacers comprise a base portion and an engagement
- 3 means, the engagement means being adapted to engage
- 4 with corresponding engagement means provided on the
- 5 body portion.

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- 7 20. Apparatus as claimed in claim 19, wherein the
- 8 engagement means comprises a rib and slot.

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- 10 21. Apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein
- 11 the rib is adapted to be orientated to engage with
- 12 the slot or alternatively to prevent it from
- 13 engaging with the slot in order to vary the vertical
- 14 height of the body portion.

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- 16 22. Apparatus as claimed in claim 19, wherein the
- 17 engagement means is a conical portion provided on
- 18 the spacer.

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- 20 23. Apparatus as claimed in any preceding claim,
- 21 wherein the body portion comprises rails adapted to
- 22 resist movement of golf balls thereover.